

## **REMARKS**

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claims 49 and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner did indicate, however, that claims 1-48<sup>1</sup> were directed to patentable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections to the extent that they are maintained. However, Applicants have canceled claim 50 and amended claim 49 to overcome the §101 rejection and to further the case onto allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is being added by the above amendments, as the amendments are fully supported in the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims, and that the Examiner pass this case onto allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Claims 1-48 are listed as being rejected in Paragraph 6 of the Office Action Summary PTOL-326 (Rev. 7-05), and claims 1-28 are listed as being allowable in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action; however, claims 1-48 are also allowed in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action.